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By MARGARET A. BARTLETT, Publisher



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Margaret A. Bartlett

There was no long period of working up to an editorial position for Wade H. Nichols, new editor of Redbook Magazine, whose picture appears on our cover this month. Mr. Nichols immediately after his graduation from Northwestern joined the staff of Radio Guide and soon was editor of Screen Guide, Later he became editor of Click, and in nearly five months almost doubled its circulation. During the war he edited handbooks for

the Army and was later commissioned in Military Intelligence and was assigned to the General Staff. Just before he took over at Redbook, he had been

head of Modern Screen, making it the fastest newsstand seller among the fan magazines. Little wonder that the magazine world has its eyes on this young man to see what he will do with Redbook!

First, Mr. Nichols is out to attract the 20-30 age group. This does not mean that every story must be filled with youthful characters, but it does mean that there must be one young character with whom the readers can identify themselves. He'll use big names if their stories meet his requirements, but not otherwise. A first story that fits in quality and theme will as readily be accepted. All stories must be real and not just escape material.

Redbook's policy of a complete book-length novel in each issue will be continued and the editors are anxious to see any script-play, book, or movie-which might be adaptable to this medium.

A short-short will be used each month, but it must be a real story, not merely a piece with a tricky ending. And there will be strong controversial pieces; up-to-the-minute personality articles and features. For all material good rates will be paid on acceptance, and prompt decisions will be given. Fiction should be addressed to Lillian Kastendike, non-fiction to William Allison.

But youth is at the helm, Mr. Nichols is only 34 years old. It is going to be interesting to watch what happens.

Since Ellen M. Ewing wrote "Don't Blame the Editors," the Sunday Portland Oregonian magazine section has undergone a "sea change." It is now a tabloid, rather than a full-page section. Range and number of articles are the same, but in most cases the length is shorter. This year Mrs. Ewing has done two stints with the Oregonian, for a total of seven weeks. She is a graduate of the journalism school of the University of Oregon, and worked successfully as a copywriter, assistant advertising manager, institutional writer, fashion writer, and store promotion manager at successively a big Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York, and New Jersey department store. Ten years ago she married tall curly-haired Oregonian reporter, Paul F. Ewing, who had a commercial pilot's license, and a yen for the wide open spaces. During

the diaper period of her three children, she confined her writing efforts to Sunday magazine features for the Oregonian, and an occasional article for other Sunday supplements. Now she is concentrating on fiction writing.

To say that this is the age of specialization is to be pretty trite; but Nelson C. Nye's experience is proof of what specialization can do in the writing field. In addition to being Horse Editor of Texas Livestock Journal, he is the author of the novels, "Wild Horse Shorty," "Blood of Kings," and 42 Westerns; of the non-fiction books, "Outstanding Modern Quarter Horse Sires," "Your Western Horse," and "Champions of the Quarter Tracks" (last two scheduled for early 1950.) He is now engaged in writing a Juvenile horse book for Dodd, Mead, & Co., another for Howard McCann, Inc., and has had Western novels published by Mac-Millan, Sage Books, Inc., Dodd, Mead & Co., Greenberg, Robert McBride & Co., Arcadia House, Samuel Cowl, Inc., and Phoenix Press.

•••• When we first contacted James Sandoe for some notes on the state of the mystery story, he was in Oregon working (about 18 hours a day, he said) on the Shakespeare Festival. Nice relaxation from reading modern mystery novels!

· · Here's proof that fillers should be read before being tucked into odd spaces! As soon as the October issue of A. $\forall J$. appeared, The Boulder Camera picked up our "Mostly Personal" story of C. E. Scoggins, and reprinted it, for Scoggins is an important man in Boulder as well as throughout the country. But in the bit of space left to be filled at the end of the story, this filler appeared:

Importance. If you want to know how important you are, stick your finger in a bucket of water and see how big a hole it makes when you withdraw it. •••

Before anyone buys a copy of "The Divided Path," by Nial Kent, in order to enter the letter contest Greenberg: Publisher, 201 E. 57th St., New York 22, is sponsoring (\$400 in cash prizes for the best letters on the controversial ending) he should know that he must wade through 448 pages of sickening homosexuality.

I am so very grateful to Olive Rabe, who lives with Aileen Fisher ("Writing Children Plays," August, 1947) in a wonderful mountain hideaway up Sunshine Canon, a few miles from Boulder, for taking an armload of books on writing sent A. & J. for review home with her and covering them in "Here's to Better Writing!" . . . So sorry we had to omit Dr. Swallow's department for the beginner this month, but the Book List ran out of bounds! •••

Strictly Personal-Yes, I'm here again. It has been a trying month, with several bad heart spells and repeated bouts with fever, but I've set my sights now on the December issue, and hope to get that out. Then, in December I hope to introduce you to the new owners, who can take over with the beginning of 1950—the perfect time for the change (Continued on Page 23)

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The picture above is a popular impression—but don't you believe it. Of **course** you can sell without an agent. You can make an initial sale, follow it up with subsequent sales, and eventually build a distinguished career as a writer—all without literary agency help.

The trouble with that statement is that, while it **is** the truth, it's the same kind of truth as the fact that you can get from Eleventh Street to Twelfth Street by walking toward Tenth. All you have to do is go 25,000 miles around the world to get there.

Many writers keep themselves from selling, or selling regularly because of technique flaws in their scripts—flaws which it may take them years to uncover—but which an agent (who works with hundreds of scripts weekly) can observe and help them correct in short order. Others have salable material, but keep sending it to the wrong editors or markets—since they lack the expert, minute-to-minute market knowledge of an agent.

That, in a nutshell, is why nearly every top writer in the business has an agent, and has worked with an agent right from the start.

In other words, you can build a writing career without an agent, but it's like going from Eleventh to Twelfth Street by way of the South Pole. If you agree there's no point in wasting time—if you'd like to get that regular selling started, and pronto—let's see some of your work.

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DON'T BLAME THE EDITORS!

By ELLEN MILLS EWING

ELEVEN months of the year I am a housewife, writing, in my spare time, feature articles for the Sunday *Oregonian* Magazine section.

For two weeks to one month of each year I leave my three children and home in the hands of a paid housekeeper and take over as Sunday Editor of *The Oregonian*—largest newspaper in Oregon, and one of the few papers in the country printing its own Sunday supplement.

That switchover from writer to editor is an annual eye-opener. My sympathies are all with the editors. Frankly, I don't see how they stand it.

The manuscripts, mostly unsolicited, which daily come to my desk are a revelation in how not to write. They contain every brodie in the book—and some as yet uncatalogued. It is obvious, from those manuscripts, why so many beginning writers fail to make the grade—will probably never make it.

The Oregonian is by no means a top market for aspiring article writers. Approximately half of the eight to ten articles published weekly are staff written and the pay is low—\$25 for an article of from 1200 to 1500 words.

The Oregonian's magazine section becomes important to the free-lance article writer because it is an excellent beginner's field. Writing standards are not too high—all we ask for is competent writing, with the who-what-why-when-where garnished with sprightly anecdotes and good quotes. Because of our pay scale, we could not be name-conscious if we wanted to be. Big-name writers like Richard L. Neuberger and Stewart Holbrook, who appear frequently in this section, increase their local prestige rather than their revenue.

Most of the writers who mail their manuscripts to us are trying for the slick magazines, too—hopefully battering out their brains on a typewriter in the expectation of notable writing careers. Yet they can't even make the grade with us. Why? Because they make the same old mistakes, try after try.

Topping all other errors and inadequacies is an appalling ignorance of what this newspaper's Sunday supplement publishes. Yet an average subscriber could tell you: Feature articles with a Northwest angle, the timelier the better; biographical sketches of interesing local people; some "Old Oregon" historical pieces, keyed to anniversary dates; a very few outstanding pieces of national or international interest.

To my knowledge only one piece of fiction has been published in this eight-page section. Why, then, do fully one-tenth of the manuscripts coming to my desk represent assignments from somebody's short story course? At least 40 per cent of the articles ignore *The Oregonian's* basic requirement—the local angle. Not more than 20 per cent are really timely.

Although our pages are roughly half-pictorial, half-print, it's a rare story that comes complete with usable photographic material. Clean copy—neat typing, wide margins—is in the minority group.

Yet writers wonder why editors give the slush pile a jaundiced glance—why so many editors prefer to deal almost exclusively with author's agents.

Like most publications, we have in addition to our contribuing staff writers a literary stable of competent free lances who talk over proposed articles with us, get the go-ahead, and turn in workmanlike products. None of these "special writers," as *The Oregonian* by-lines them, are outstandingly good writers. Any number of people taking courses in creative writing could string words together in more interesting fashion, inject more color, use prettier adjectives.

But the ability to do pretty writing is the least



Mrs. Ewing and daughter.

of a writer's value to an editor. If the story is there, but badly presented, it will be rewritten by someone on the staff, rarely by the person submitting the story unless he is known to us. The free lance, naturally, gets the by-line and the biggest monetary reward. It's the story we're buying,

not the writing.

Like other editors, I have found that it's usually a mistake to ask a beginning writer to rewrite a piece. Most amateurs cannot recognize their own mistakes, even when pointed out to them, and some are more resentful than grateful for revision suggestions. Despite the fact that an editor is paid, not for his own writing skill, but for his judgment, the typical amateur remains steadfast in his belief that if his story isn't usable, as is, the editor is cross-eyed or a congenital idiot.

The writer whom an editor values can write, or rewrite, under direction. He does not misspell names, distort facts, confuse dates and places. He does not attempt to condense nine separate stories into one rambling feature of impossible length. He knows better than to send in blurred snapshots taken with a box camera for reproduction in a

Above all, the competent writer has acquaintance with the medium for which he is writing.

The authors of 80 per cent of the manuscripts mailed to The Oregonian are unknown to us. For all we know, they may be ditchdiggers, poets in ivory towers, or underpaid publicity agents. All we know of the author is his manuscript.

That manuscript tells us plenty, and the following are some of the things which automatically

beget rejection slips:

Manuscripts submitted in long hand, sometimes on thrice-folded paper. Believe it or not, we get

quite a number of these.

Manuscripts so well-edited by the author, in everything from blue pencil to red ink, that an editor has to have the facility of a professional proof reader to decipher the story. Incredible? On my desk at this moment is a manuscript turned in by a free lance of 25 years "experience" -his own term-which has 47 corrections in red ink on the first page. I don't know how many changes were made on the following pages because I didn't read past page one. It wasn't worth the effort.

I have another manuscript sent in by a woman who said she has been "trying to get past editors" prejudice" for ten years. Her article, on a general subject and gleaned entirely from text books, reads like a freshman theme of a not-too-bright student. As art, she had included photostats of illustrations from various books-not clipped to the manuscript, but pasted to the backs of her manuscript pages.

This woman, accusing editors of prejudice, has spent ten years trying to become a selling article writer, yet hasn't taken the trouble to learn that any publication handles its art and its copy separately- that no editor has time or facilities to

keep a steaming tea kettle at hand.

Many of the manuscripts are so hopelessly flowery that the stories are lost in an undergrowth of adjectives. No editor has time to wade through such verbiage to get at the story. If he did have the time, nine times out of ten he would find that there wasn't enough of the story there for even the most expert rewrite man to salvage. cardinal rule for today's writing has been stated hundreds of times, yet amateurs continue to ignore it in their attempts to do "fine" writing. Use direct, forceful, simple language that anyone

can understand.

Two more manuscripts on my desk would result in libel suits, if I were foolish enough to accept them for publication. One of these articles recounts the shenanigans of some long-dead hell-raisers in another part of Oregan. Names and places are specifically mentioned. True, the perpetrators of the dastardly deeds are dead-but even lawless people leave descendants who are only too anxious to clear the family name in court.

By far the greatest part of my slush pile represents stories from the past. True, timely articles are perishable. But why do so many beginning writers take the lazy way out by concentrating on "old" subjects. They write endlessly about bearded oldsters whose only virtue is that their boyhood coincided with the horse and buggy era. They write about nursing in the old unsanitary days, instead of digging up what's new and interesting in that field today. They haunt historical societies, yellowed newspaper files, attics and museums. They fail to realize that good feature stories, in the present tense, are all around them, waiting to be

Many fledgling writers are irked by the request of editors to "query first" before submitting articles. They think this practice is decidedly unfair, that precious time is lost in waiting for replies-that a letter couldn't possibly sell an editor on an idea, anyhow.

Selling the story idea is only half the reason editors want to be queried. A letter of inquiry can give an editor a pretty good idea of whether or not the author can write an intelligible article.

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I have a letter of inquiry on my desk now to which my answer will be "no." The story idea presented isn't half bad. But I wouldn't trust the man proposing it to write a recipe in understandable English. His first paragraph is one long, rambling sentence consisting of seven clauses and phrases containing three "becauses," two "inasmuch ases," and one "in case I forgot to mention it." He used that one paragraph, not to sell me an idea, but to prove to me that he can't write.

On the other hand, these are the things which prejudice me in an author's favor, in the order of

their importance:

1. Clean copy. 2. Local angle.

3. Timely subject.

4. Plenty of facts and figures.

5. Good art.

Although good art is definitely important, and can often sell a borderline article, I placed it in the No. 5 position because its value varies with the location of the story material. If an article concerns someone or something right here in Portland, it is preferable to have a staff photographer take the pictures. If, however, the article's locale is elsewhere in Oregon, it is obvious that it would be impractical to send a staff photographer on a two-day junket for pictorial material for one story. (Continued on Page 24)

BYLINE BLUES By JOHN L. WARREN

Little blank sheet, Stop staring that way! I know I'm beat-Let's call it a day! We're both at sea Without paddle or anchor. You're blank as can be, But doggone it, I'm blanker!

WRITING ABOUT HORSES

By NELSON C. NYE

Horse Editor, TEXAS LIVESTOCK JOURNAL



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THE first requisite is love, the second is knowledge and third is an ability to express one's self clearly in an entertaining fashion with a minimum of words. That's all it takes to write horse stories, and there's a comfortable income ready and waiting for the person who can meet these qualifications.

for the person who can meet these qualifications.

The thought may occur to you, "How does he know?"

Well, in the first place, I've done it. For sixteen years I wrote nothing but Western stories, mostly novels. I got pretty fed up at one point and tried a flyer in mysteries which didn't pan out. It was at about this time that I got interested in horses; I was a voracious reader on my own time and a book reviewer on the time of several metropolitan dailies as well as book editor

Somewhere I stumbled onto a copy of Carl Raswan's "Drinkers of the Wind" and, from that day on, the horse bug had me. I bought an Arabian stallion (age six months), raised, broke and trained him, gradually building up a harem of mares for this fellow and reading all the Arabian horse stuff I could locate.

I was living in Arizona where the keeping of well-bred horses proved to be an expensive pastime. It took me a while to wake up to this fact, but when I finally (reluctantly) realized that it was practically all outgo, and that it took considerable humping to support the venture, an Arab-breeding friend who had hailed from Chicago jokingly pointed out the trail to the gold mine. "No matter how much your horses cost you," he said, "you can always put your experiences in print and fetch in more mazuma than all your horses could possibly cost you."

It left me pretty cold at first, but the more I thought of it the better the idea looked. My cogitations finally resulted in the writing of "Wild Horse Shorty." the trials and tribulations of a down-and-out cowboy turned Palomino breeder. I laid the book in Tucson and it sold more copies in the first eight months than my last two novels had sold in their entirety. 'This book was followed two years later by "Blood of Kings," being the further adventures of the hard-luck Shorty—and

this book, incidentally, is still in print at the original price.

I had experimented, by this time, with Arabians, Palominos and "just plain hosses" and had, in the meantime, been studying the bloodlines and background of the Quarter Horse—the only kind of equine that would sell around Tucson.

At about this time, *The Quarter Horse* magazine was launched. It was hungry for factual accounts of celebrated foundation sires and prominent present-day representatives. To oblige its editor, I wrote five or six articles about such horses. These brought overwhelming applause from the breeders, and from readers of the magazine who clamored for more. It was decided I should be paid for my trouble and, almost before I knew what was happening, I was receiving requests for material from other horse and livestock publications.

I started turning same out as a part-time proposition, putting them together in the evening after my day's stint at the Underwood was finished. Surprising as it may perhaps sound, I made a greater income from these in 1948 than I did from my novels. So popular and informative were these factual writings that I was asked to do a history of the breed for a Quarter Horse stud book and, today, I am said to be one of the foremost authorities on this versatile breed. What I have done, you too can do if you really love horses and will spend sufficient time to learn the facts about them.

There are many breeds of horses you can write about if you will write with authority and interest. Relatively little has been written about Appaloosas, Pintos, Albinos, Colorado Rangers, Shetlands, Welsh Ponies or that strange race of horses found off the-Carolinas. Then there are the utility favorites, the flat racers, hunters, jumpers, steeplechasers, trotters and pacers. The Tennessee Walking Horse, the Saddlebred, the Cleveland Bay, the Morgan, the Palomino and the draft breeds can all be drawn upon for the production of salable articles and stories. Circus horses, rodeo horses and polo ponies all provide good material to write about and writings based on these will receive the glad hand from many horse editors. And there is still plenty of room for further writing on Thoroughbreds and Ouarter Horses. If you have an antiquarian turn of mind you might write about Creamolines, Pony Express horses, wild horses, breeds that are now extinct, Greek, Hungarian or Arabian horses. The possibilities are practically endless, and you may be sure there will be a large reader-group of interested horsemen eagerly awaiting whatever you have to say if you can speak with authority and interest.

As Horse Editor of Texas Livestock Journal, my own requirements are simple: we want factual material presented straight from the shoulder—no literary millinery. We use very little fiction, not over four stories per year. We like articles on care, handling and training; articles on breeding and racing; articles about great individuals, regardless of breed; articles of timely interest to the horse world; occasional famous personalities; articles on foundation sires of the various light breeds of horses. Material intended for us must above all be accurate, factual and competently presented. We

pay first-class rates five days in advance of publication. Manuscripts should be addressed to me and should include return postage. We prefer articles of 1000 to 1500 words.

The best publishing houses in the country have their welcome mats conspicuously displayed for both factual and fictional books about horses—even in the juvenile field they want them; and the magazines can't get enough of them. No writer need ever bemoan hard times if he can turn out acceptable horse material.

Many magazines are constanly alert for well-written, authoritative and entertaining stories and articles about our four-footed friends; some, of course, pay much better than others, but the following list will give you some idea of the magnitude of the field:

American Albino, The, Naper, Nebr. Any interesting articles concerning the Albino horse, interesting poems, articles on various types and breeds of horses, various photos of the Albino horse, stories about horses, articles on pets, short stories, short fact items, fillers, concerning horses, especially snow white horses, news from horse and livestock associations. Query regarding rates. Ruth E. White.

Arabian Horse News, 227 Hynds Bldg., Cheyenne, Wyo. (Bi-M-25) Articles, 1000 up, verse, on Arabian horses, or half-Arabs, news items, photos, illustrations. Query regarding rates. Anna Best

Cattleman, The, Burk Burnett Bldg., Fort Worth 2, Texas. (M-25) Articles on livestock and Western history, as related to livestock. Henry Bederman. Pub.

Horse Lover, The, P. O. Box 1432, Richmond, Calif. (Bi-M-25) Articles, 500-1200, editorials, fillers, jokes, news items, photos, of interest to people who love horses and riding. 40c column inch, Pub. J. E. Draper.

Palomino Horses, Box 79, Mineral Wells, Texas. (M-25) Articles on palominos, their care and breeding, short fact items, fillers, on horses, news items, photos, of palominos. Varying rates. Fred W. Parnell.

Quarter Horse Journal, The, P. O. Box 2290, Amarillo, Texas. (M-35) Articles dealing with Quarter horses, 500 words up, short-stories on breeders, racing, Quarter horses; short fact items, news items, photos of show and Quarter racing winners. Features on anything about or pertaining to the Quarter horse, history, technical articles, some little fiction on old-time horses and horsemen. 2c, photos \$2, cartoons, \$5; Mary King, Assoc. Ed.; Raymond D. Hollingsworth, Ed.

Rider & Driver, The, 17 E. 42nd St., New York 17. (M-50) Articles devoted to horses, horse shows, polo, racing, hunting, riding clubs, equitation, trotting. \$5 page for printed articles, after Pub. Samuel Walter Taylor.

Washington Horse, The, 8501 15th St., N.W., Seattle 7, Wash. (M-30) Historical matter on the horse, both U. S. and foreign, 1500-2500. 1½-2c. Pub. Ed Heineman, Bus. Mgr.; Clinton B. Alues, Ed.

Western Horseman, P. O. Box 1277, Colorado Springs, Colo. (M-25) Articles, 1500-2000, on the Western stock horse, breeding, bloodlines, training, history, veterinary. 1-2c, Acc. Robert M. Denbardt.

Western Livestock, 1832 Curtis St., Denver 2, Colo. (M-35) Articles on anything of interest to cattlemen, 500-2000, on forage, breeding, horses, cattle—but "no Brangus, Cattalo, etc."—Ranchers,

Flying Predators, with illustrations. Verse, of humorous interest to cattlemen only; short fact items, 500; cartoons, cartoon ideas; news on assignment; photos, 4x5 or larger, to illustrate articles or of humorous or unusual things which would interest cattlemen. 1c, photos \$2, cartoon or cartoon ideas, \$2, Pub.

Whip, The, 335 South St., Rochester, N. Y. (10 times-25) Articles, short items, verse, some short stories, relative to horses. Edward Dickinson. Ed. Rate not stated.

Query the following before submitting material, as they failed to reply to our questionnaire asking for full information: Arizona Stockman, 128 N. lst Ave., Phoenix, Ariz.; Back in the Saddle, Box 1071, Cisco, Texas; Bit & Spur, P. O. Box 1458, Billings, Mont.; The Blood Horse, P. O. Box 1520, Lexington, Ky.; The Chronicle, Middleburg, Va.; The Eastern Breeder, Warrenton, Va.; The Harness Horse, Telegraph Press Bldg., Harrisburg, Pa.; The Horse, Remount Assn., Washington, D. C.; Hoofs and Horns, P. O. Box 790, Tucson, Ariz.; The Horseman's Journal, P. O. Box 874, Wichita, Kans.; The Illinois Horseman, Topeka, Ill.; The Morgan Horse, 90 Broad St., New York; The Pony Express, W. Main St., Gas City, Ind.; The Quarter Horse, 6204 College, Houston 5, Texas; The Ranchman. Tulsa, Okla.; The Tennessee Walking Horse, Lewisburg, Tenn.; The Thoroughbred of California, 4824 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles 27; Thoroughbred Record, P. O. Box 580, Lexington, Ky.; Turf & Sport Digest, Baltimore 12, Md.; Western Horse News, Holt, Mich.; Western Livestock Journal, Union Stock Yards, Los Angeles, Calif.

Regrettably we do not have the addresses of the following: Morocco Spotted Horse News, The Horse World, Horsemen's News, The Stake Bulletin, The Buckboard, The Western Thoroughbred, American Shetland Journal, The Florida Cattleman, Tanbark & Turf, The Maryland Horse, Horse World, Percheron News, Saddle & Bridle, and Southern Horseman.

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NOTES OF A MYSTERY REVIEWER ON FACING ANOTHER LOT OF FALL BOOKS

By JAMES B. SANDOE

James B. Sandoe, recorder librarian of the University of Colorado, is reviewer of mysteries for the Chicago Sun-Times, and editor of the anthology "Murder — Plain and Fanciful." He won the 1949 "Edgar" (a bust of Poe) for being the outstanding critic in the mystery field.

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I guess perhaps there ought to be a law. Or, since there are a good many too many laws already, a dictate of etiquette. It would argue with perfect gentility that no mystery reviewer should stay at his job longer than, say, two years without some respite, since in two years his wits would either be atrophied or sunk into mere acidulous resignation.

This is the fourth or fifth spate of Fall books I have had to cram my reading shelf and

it seems apparent that I must review nearly all of them with a jaundiced eye. That "nearly" is probably the only salvation of a self-respecting reviewer, because there are still some books I can approach with a level stomach.

First of all, the new writer seems to promise some mitigation of routine. And every year there is at least one new writer who manages it. Or again, there are certain steady dependables whose new books promise literacy, ingenuity and flavor. Elizabeth Daly would be one in a spare but admirable company and so too would Rex Stout for the pungency of his narrator (Archie Goodwin) and in spite of the exceptional unevenness of his plotting.

One can feed too on hope and fancy yet another novel from the preoccupied Dorothy Sayers. Or see with relief that the Fall announcements list a new novel from Raymond Chandler whose five years between novels have been a very long wait indeed. Or hope that an American publisher will at last have discovered the curious capacities of such little-known English writers as Josephine Bell and the indescribable Gladys Mitchell. Little, Brown has rediscovered the ripe novels of Cyril Hare and promises to publish his flawed but still admirable "When the Wind Blows" before Christmas.

But hope as one may there are still to be faced among the forthcoming books fistsfull of the old familiars, dull and profitless. For the detective story more even than the romantic novel feeds upon patterns. And detective story readers appear to feed upon them as well. But the critic, looking again upon a Perry Mason jacket, is reasonably sure that he has read it all before, pressed through that thicket of Rotarian prose and past moderately gratifying legal fireworks to a conclusion which at that point doesn't matter very much.

And I confess that when a new tale by Leslie Ford arrives, fresh from serialization in one of the slicks, I quail before plunging through the sticky tide of romantic complications which impede the essential plot. And when the publisher persists in advertising a "novel of suspense" I am reasonably certain that what faces me is a set of inflamed galleys representing the imaginary state of mind of

a murderer in whom I will find no compulsion through a sea of prose conned without skill from a textbook in abnormal psychology

a textbook in abnormal psychology.

The considerate critic, flinching at the prospect of familiar plots retold in indifferent prose, can find only temporary excuse in the recollection that "Crime does not pay—enough." Mysteries do pay their authors too little for the work that must go into even very flimsy samples but compassion does not amend indifference to or ignorance of the elementary tenets of the grammarians and compassion cannot read with infinite tolerance paler and paler carbon copies of the same plots.

Thus the critic might with some reason be content merely to point out to his readers that Erle Stanley Gardner has published another novel, that Patricia Wentworth's Miss Silver, knitting and coughing on alternate pages, is accessible in the same story with a new title, that the Crime Club has once more "selected" the story that Louise Gimpson Squires has been rewriting for a decade.

Readers leap at an author's name or at a formula. They seem to have no critical perceptions and very little care for them. And for this reason writers capable of variety pin themselves fearfully to the pattern they have found successful. And this is a phenomenon which ought to be considered by that ever-present band of skeptics who once a year proclaim (as Ronald Knox and Jacques Barzun have in recent years, thereby joining a long if not especially distinguished band of mourners) that the detective story is written out, finished, exhausted, dead.

The detective story is not dead but it is trapped by readers' limited tastes, by publishers' fears, by taboos and by the restrictions suggested by the glorious possibilities of reprint rights, movie rights, television rights and all the rest of them.

One reader wants a romantic story and fastens to the new Eberhart like a limpet; another insists upon a hard-boiled story and will take any thirdrate imitation of Hammett or Chandler that the rental librarian has at hand; still another bemoans the loss of S. S. Van Dine because he was so instructive, forgetful of the Britannica which has the same information in a tenth of the space, better organized and more comprehensive.

There are writers with the sort of courage Brett Halliday displayed in the Spring's "A Taste for Violence" (Dodd, Mead). Halliday certainly knew as he planned it that his concern with labor and with capital would eliminate it from slicks and pulps and gravely limit its reprint chances. And yet he wrote it. The tale is neatly enough plotted, whatever its incidental fidgets and shortcomings, but its most particular merit to my mind is its courage in the face of economic probability.

And it seems to me entirely possible that writers and publishers could mitigate a good deal of the dull rote of any season's new publications by acquiring a modicum of this same courage. For I have a conviction that the public is more supple than publishers or authors are at present ready to

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concede. The superstitions within which they bind themselves, the incantation which drones out with dubious authority What The Public Wants, is far

more timid than that same public.

I say this because in another segment of the lunatic life I lead I have found the Public uninsistent and pliable. I have seen this same public, used to the films and apprehensive of greatness, cram a theatre to see the plays of Shakespeare not out of duty but from the affection they should breed. And I have seen the same public, used to the quasirealistic stage settings of our amateur theatre, adapt themselves to a set of grey screens and listen attentively to the verse of Christopher Marlowe as it unfolded the fantastic history of Doctor Faustus.

Just as I believe that film producers and stage directors underestimate the taste of the public so I believe that writers and publishers feed the public this year's pap because it has sold last year. is good business or as good business as business usually is. But it suffers from a short-sightedness bound to howl with anguish and reproach when sales drop because last year's pap is not new or

nourishing.

Readers are not infinitely adaptable and some readers will never fix themselves with devotion to the precise pages of a tale by Dorothy Sayers. Still others will continue to insist that Dashiell Hammett is too rough for their delicate sensibilities. But readers without this burden of refinement and

sensibility have already discovered that Hammett's prose is as fine and as supple as Hemingway's and his object often a good deal less pretentious. Still others will have observed with keen delight that beyond her Tory fidgets and snobberies, Dorothy Savers is a craftsman of a rare distinction,

Detective stories have and will continue (thanks to the wide boundaries of the form) to be nearly as various as novels and their public will be as various as the readers of James M. Cain and Angela Thirkell. My argument leans less upon their variety than upon their taste or their capacity to develop taste. Few readers will have to be reminded of the cloudburst of hard-boiled tales that succeeded the success of Hammett and Chandler. And few readers will need to be reminded that the shower of abominable imitations was brief. It would have continued as long as readers bought the stuff in sufficient quantities: they didn't. is this sort of fact that seems memorable and heartening when the Fall books pour in for review and look, in bulk, like a chore rather than a challenge.

And so, to writers as to publishers, I should like to make a plea for less slavish devotion to formula (particularly slick magazine formula), more attention to a responsible articulation of the bones of plotting, more devotion to the fleshing of those bones, and less fretful glancing over the shoulder at the impalpable ghost of "what the public is supposed to want."

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HERE'S TO BETTER WRITING!

. By OLIVE H. RABE

BOOKS, books, and more books aimed at helping writers become better writers roll off the presses each year. And 1949 has been no exception.

For an over-all view of the writing field, adult and juvenile, it would be difficult to find a better guide than "The Writer's Handbook," edited by A. S. Burack (The Writer, Inc., \$4.50). This book (almost a "Writers' Conference" in itself) considers every phase of the profession-what to write about, how to do it, where to sell it. The sixty-nine chapters are written by well-known writers, among them Betty Smith, Mackinlay Kantor, Howard Lindsay, Hervey Allen, Edward Weeks, Wallace Stenger, Bernard de Voto.

No matter what a person writes, he is sure to be stimulated by "The Art of Readable Writing' by Rudolf Flesch (Harper, \$3.00). Not that he will necessarily agree with the Flesch axiom "Write as you talk." No one will if he writes for a limited audience. But his case against obscure writing without a personalized slant is not to be shrugged off; neither is his reason for flouting some taboos of grammarians.

Those who are interested in non-fiction, especially articles, will find in "Modern Feature Writing" by DeWitt G. Reddick (Harper, \$4.00) detailed analysis that shows what makes an article tick. This thorough-going introductory text will help writers in thinking up arresting titles, effective

leads, and climactic endings.

Writers in the editorial field will find just about everything they need to know in a lively text that fills a long-felt need-"Editor and Editorial Writer" by A. Gayle Waldrop (Rinehart, \$4.00). The book is peppered with examples of editorialsserious, preachy, pompous, gay, persuasive, antagonizing-and pointed paragraphs with and without punch. It is really a must in its field.

Homemaking, another special field, is covered in "How to Write for Homemakers" by Lou Richardson and Genevieve Callahan (Iowa State College Press, \$3.00). Here is specific advice on turning out clear and inviting recipes, releases about new products, arranging demonstrations, etc.

The richer the literary background of the fiction writer, the better his writing is likely to be. "The Art of Modern Fiction" by West and Stallman (Rinehart, \$3.50) gives practically a college course in appreciation of good literature. Examples from Pirandello, Crane, de Maupassant, Tchekhov, Hemingway and others serve as a basis for analysis, questions, and exercises.

"Short Story Writing" by F. Orlin Tremaine (Rodale Press, \$3.50) gives detailed advice on how to develop plot, character, suspense, and atmosphere for the leaders of the all-fiction market. The author is confident that any writer can make sales by following his instructions, provided he turns out one story a week for ten weeks and lets them pile up without reading them. Thereafter his system calls for reading one of the early stories critically and writing a new one each week until the twentieth week. After that any writer can expect to send out stories that will bring in checks!

For help in choosing the right word, the leisurely writer will delight in "Mark My Words, A Guide to Modern Usage and Expression," by John B. Opdycke (Harper, \$5.00). And the harrassed writer, pouring out a flood of words, may be grateful for one-line definitions in "The Word Bank"

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Radio-Video Markets

By ELIZABETH HAZELTON

OVER a period of years, five programs have proven outstanding as the best markets for the new writer by their consistent purchase of scripts from playwrights not already firmly established in the radio field. The freelance's favorite five are: Stars Over Hollywood," "Skippy Hollywood The-tre," "Grand Central Station," "First Nighter," and atre," "Grand Central Station," Dr. Christian.

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As a radio writer, I myself got my start by sales to three of these "best bets"; in my avocation as teacher of adult education classes in radio and television writing at the Hollywood Center for Adult Education, and North Hollywood Evening High School, I have had a chance to observe student sales over a period of five years. During this time, forty-eight of my students have sold plays to network commercial programs, and their earnings now total \$15,800. At least 90 per cent of these student sales were to the "Favorite Five" programs. And most of the students were making their first sales, approaching these markets as unknowns who had never before sold a play anywhere.

Here are market pointers on the five:

STARS OVER HOLLYWOOD, CBS, Saturday, 10:00

a.m. PST.

This half-hour program features star names each week; therefore scripts should provide a rewarding star role. While mature players, famous on stage or screen, are frequently featured, scripts built for young men or women have the best chance, since screen newcomers just reaching prominence are most often used. Program offers complete freedom in type of story: buys comedy, drama, romance, melodrama, occasionally farce, and even fantasy. Scripts should have a playing time of 22 minutes, divided as evenly as possible into two acts. Each act opens with a short narration by the announcer, which must be supplied by the author. The announcer should not come into the script at any other time. Only type of narration acceptable in the body of the script is firstperson narration, in which the leading character tells the story. If this structure is used, it should be established from the first, and the device should be carried through the entire script. First-person narration, adding as it does to the length of the starring role, may appeal to the featured player, but writers must not rely too much on this device. Use first-person method only when it is necessary and dramatically effective to enter into the inner thoughts and feelings of the leading character.

Cast limitation is five. Actors playing minor roles may double once, thereby allowing seven or eight characters, if necessary, but a cast of three

to five characters is preferred.

Payment is \$250 for a single performance. Original plays, never before broadcast, are much preferred, but program occasionally buys second rights. If your play has been broadcast previously, give full particulars, when you submit the script. If accepted by the agency and sponsor, scripts are placed in the active file, and held for casting. When a suitable star is contracted, the script is submitted, along with two or three others, and the star makes a choice. This method sometimes means a delay of

weeks, or even months, before the script is paid for, since payment is made after broadcast. However, the author may submit his script elsewhere during the interval, but must notify the agency immediately if he sells it. If an author has a script in the active file, he should check with the agency frequently, or listen regularly to the program. Occasionally authors have not been advised of the broadcast until they received their checksa great disappointment to the new playwright for whom this may be that all-important "first." Sub-mit scripts to "Stars Over Hollywood," 9370 Santa Monica Blvd., Beverly Hills, California.

SKIPPY HOLLYWOOD THEATRE, (check for time

and station in your community).

Very similar in format to "Stars-," this program also features "names," thus requires a fat starring role. Program buys comedy, drama, melodrama, romance, fantasy, farce. Wants no crime or horror stories. Producer Les Mitchel likes "unusual" scripts, occasionally buys plays somewhat away from the typical commercial pattern, but sponsor won't okay anything genuinely experimental. Play should have a good, solid story. Two acts, 22 minutes playing time. Acts open with short narration; firstperson narration scripts are acceptable. Prefers a maximum of six characters, with one or two possible to double.

Payment is \$250 for first rights, which licenses one performance by transcription on each station in the United States and Canada for a period of six months, and in foreign countries for a period of five years. Payment for second rights is \$150. As in the case of "Stars Over Hollywood," scripts okayed by Les Mitchel and the sponsor are placed in an active file, to await casting. During the period of waiting, writer may submit script elsewhere. Payment is made after the transcription record is cut. A contract is sent to the author for signature shortly before the recording session. Submit scripts to Budd Loesser, script editor, Les Mitchel Productions, 9310 Hillrose Ave., Sunland, California.

GRAND CENTRAL STATION, CBS, Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

While this half-hour program does feature Broadway "names," it is perhaps not quite so essential that the script have an extremely dominant leading role; program sometimes presents an all-star cast. Martin Horrell, producer and editor, prefers plays of strong dramatic impact; buys drama, romance, melodrama, adventure, rarely accepts anything with a comedy flavor, and hates farce. One of the most helpful and encouraging editors in the radio business, Mr. Horrell writes personal letters of rejection, giving constructive criticism that may aid the new writer in making future sales to the program -a great boon to the neophyte, depressed by the cold, impersonal mimeographed form sent out by most agencies, which gives no reason for the re-

Plays should have some connection, though it may be remote, with New York's famous Grand Central Station. Listen to the program to note

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ANOTHER HALF CENTURY IN BOOK BUSINESS

By OUR NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT

NEVER before in the history of book publishing has anybody's guess been as good as another's. There are no longer any outstanding authorities

. only thinkers and hopers.

Of nearly a score of New York book publishers interviewed, the President of the Rockport Press Inc., at 545 5th Ave., New York 17, Boris de Tanko, let down his hair most of all. Other publishers more or less agreed with him. He opened up with this: "The book publishing profession will be as second rate as Great Britain unless publishers begin putting out sound books instead of trash. There have been too many unworthy books in the past few years and the public is tired of literary dissipation. People are more advanced in their tastes than many publishers believe. Why, even a banker for three publishers told me last night that hereafter he and his wife will read every book before advancing credit, no matter what editors sav. If more books were chosen in the home instead of at literary teas, there would be more buy-

"What do you mean by sound books?" we asked. "I mean books with a message . . . some spiritual value as well as sex and emotion. Have American book readers dropped so low in taste that there has to be rape in every chapter? Do Americans flaunt conventions and laugh at things heretofore considered righteous? No wonder books like 'Peace of Mind,' 'Peace of Soul' and 'The Greatest Story Ever Told,' are outselling sensational junk."

And then de Tanko went on: "We are entering a new phase in human history and the people are conscious of a change. Maybe they don't know what that change is, but they feel it. This is not a criticism, but a fact-publishers must be very careful in their selection of manuscripts during the coming year and not base their judgment on past records or statistics. And they should not leave it to their salesmen who heretofore have been good idea men, but now are no better than the book-store clerk who tries to sell a book like a hat or perfume. Publishers have no one to blame but themselves for the slump in book sales. People have asked for bread and received a stone -some very hot stones . . . but still stones. There was no nourishment in them. Book clubs like dope peddlers have only sickened readers by trying to force inferior merchandise on supposedly lazy book

deTanko hesitated only a moment. "Publishers who continue to lack good taste and clear vision and think only of money instead of moral values, will reap chaff. The book dollar is now in a flatter purse and doesn't come out so readily. The publishing business would not be in such a deplorable state of affairs if publishers hadn't been so eager for sensational and unworthy books which had no nourishment for hungry hearts. There is no nausea worse than being fed up with froth."

A sense of optimism was also shown by Ed Kuhn,

editor of Whittlesey House, 330 W. 42nd St. He said: "Things are definitely on the upgrade. There is at least a temporary flourish in fiction sales. Whether this will continue I can't say, but I hope

Good books should do it. Elliott B. Macrae, President of E. P. Dutton at 300 4th Ave., New York, said that he looked forward to a great improvement in book publishing this winter. He was emphatic that Dutton would publish only substantial books-not those of the sensational, justfor-the-sake-of-possible-big-sale type.

Mr. Anthony of Merit Publications, publishers of sound books of nourishment such as Harold Sherman's "You Live After Death" which was condensed in Liberty Magazine, agreed to a large ex-

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One Fifth Avenue publisher answered: "I prefer not to be quoted for I am too busy to answer the many letters that always pour in when I make a statement for publication." But he added: "Price of course is a factor. No book is worth over \$3-and not even that much. But we can't do any better with costs as they are. Heretofore books have been permanent merchandise, but home libraries have been replaced by television sets. For the price of a book you can pay a weekly instalment on a good television set. Therefore, a book has to be more than entertainment. It must be food and inspiration.

"I believe fiction has fallen down because books are not only too costly but don't deliver the entertainment and nourishment promised by advertising or reviews. Books can be oversold just as a movie. The realization is flat in comparison with anticipation. I am really looking for new author-blood. I think an entire new consciousness of writing might be good for a publisher. Last week an unknown writer told me he was writing 'on the scene.' By that he meant that everything described in his book was written under observation so that the publisher could assure the readerathere was color in it because the author had photographed every scene fictionized. wanted me to publish his story (40,000 words) with photographs (inexpensive offset) so that every left hand page had a picture and the right hand side the script. Maybe it would sell. Who knows? At least it is a new consciousness, and I am considering it. By the time this is published, I will have had the thing well on its way or forgotten.

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One thing I had hoped to do I may not accomplish-that is, write a book on Robert Frost based on John's and my close friendship with him during Academy days and on the letters Rob wrote John when he went to England, determined to find out whether he had it in him to devote his life to poetry, or whether he must decide to return to teaching, with poetry only a pleasant side-line. Rob had written me that he wanted me to write the book as no one else could cover that period in his life as well as I could, but seeking a publisher I found I needed more than that statement-I needed specific permission to use the designated letters in toto or in part. I wrote to Rob for such release, but he was on his old farm in Ripton, Vermont, alone, farming, and apparently putting off writing letters to anyone. I shall try again now he is presumably back at Cambridge. In the meantime, if I have the strength when I no longer have the responsibility of the A. & J., I shall try to get a first draft of the book completed, so that Margaret or Richard can work on it later. (Rob requested that if I should not live to do the book, I pass the material on to whichever of John's and my children seemed best fitted to do the work.) . .. At last there is a granddaughter! The news came through from Texas early Monday, October 17-71/2 lb. Margaret Anne (the Anne isn't for memy A. is for Abbott, my maiden name) born to Dick and Marie. Five grandsons, now at last a little girl. And I shall try to hang on to see Margaret's little daughter (?) in March!

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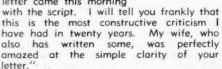
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